(c) if not, the actual status as on date;

(d) whether Government are taking any action as per law as articulated in the article; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) According to the available information, 73 Central Public Sector Undertakings had outstanding statutory dues amounting to Rs. 2068.84 crore as on 31.12.2001. This includes wage and salary arrears of Rs. 467.97 crore.

(d) and (e) In order to recover the dues, the Government has taken recovery as well as prosecution action as prescribed under the law.

Welfare scheme for unorganised workers

†292. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated or propose to formulate any new ambitious scheme for the welfare of the workers engaged in unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to implement any scheme to grant pension to the workers of the above sector; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented for the benefit of the workers;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Government have taken several steps for the welfare of workers in the unorganised sector. The Government has recently launched a social security scheme for agricultural labour namely 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana 2001' through the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in 50 selected districts to cover 10 lakh agricultural workers over a period of three years. The benefits under the scheme, *inter-alia*, include life-cum-accident insurance, money back, pension and superannuation benefits to the agricultural workers.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

The Government have launched the Janshree Bima Yojana on 10.8.2000 to provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor persons including unorganised workers who are below and marginally above poverty line. The Government have enacted legislations to provide social security to the specified unorganised sector workers such as the Beedi Workers 'Welfare Fund Act, 1976; the Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976 and the Cine Workers' Welfare Fund Act, 1981. These funds are used to provide various kinds of welfare measures to the workers such as health care, housing, educational assistance for children, drinking water supply, etc. The Government is also implementing various employment oriented schemes and programmes such as Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Swaranjayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, Sampooran Grameen Rojgar Yojana, etc. to provide gainful employment to the labourers.

Implementation of Recommendations of Second Labour Commission

293. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the reports of the Second Labour Commission set up a few years back;

(b) if so, when and the major highlights of the report;

(c) whether Government have started processing some of the vital recommendations of the commission in consultation with the labour unions or otherwise;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government would start implementing these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Labour has submitted its report on 29.06.2002. The report covers various aspects of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women & child labour, skill